

In the Specification:

Please make the following changes in the indicated specification paragraphs:

Page 7, line 1 to 9:

Because the expansion compensation device is not arranged beside the glass-metal transitional element in an axial direction but under the glass-metal transitional element inside the absorber pipe, the structure is considerably shortened and at the same time the screened off surfaces of the absorber pipe are reduced, which is accompanied by an increase in efficiency of the absorber pipe. Because of that a compact component group comprising the expansion compensation device and the glass-metal transitional element is formed, which guarantees a vacuum-tight seal in a simple way and additional components ~~compositions~~, such as an interior screen, can be eliminated.